



# History of Mayors

## City of Waterville, Maine

The Mayor's position has had a long and proud history within Waterville City government. The position was first created in 1888 with the election of Reuben Foster as Waterville's first Mayor. That was the same year that Waterville became incorporated as a City. For many years, the Mayor served as the chief executive officer of the City. That changed significantly in 2006 when voters approved a new Charter which changed Waterville's government from a "strong Mayor" to a "Council-Manager" form of government. For a more complete explanation of the powers and duties of the Mayor, please see Article II of the [City Charter](#).

	Name	Year(s) Served
1	Reuben Foster	1888
2	Nathaniel Meader	1889-1890
3	Edgar L. Jones	1891-1892
4	Charles Fletcher Johnson	1893
5	Christian Knauff	1894-1895
6	Edmund F. Webb	1896
7	Charles H. Redington	1897
8	Carroll Waite Abbott	1898
9	Warren C. Philbrook	1899-1900
10	Martin Blaisdell	1901-1902
11	Cyrus W. Davis	1903-1904
12	Horace Purinton	1905
13	Edgar L. Jones	1906
14	Luther G. Bunker	1907-1908
15	Frank Redington	1909
16	Norman K. Fuller	1910
17	William Robinson Pattangall	1911-1913
18	Louis E. Hilliard	1914
19	Martin F. Bartlett	1915
20	Frederic E. Boothby	1916
21	Ora A. Meader	1917
22	Everett Cleveland Wardwell	1918-1920
23	Ernest Edwin Finnimore	1921-1922
24	Leon O. Tebbetts	1923-1924
25	Paul Revere Baird	1925
26	Herbert Carlyle Libby	1926-1927
27	Frederick Harold Dubord	1928-1932
28	L. Eugene Thayer	1933-1934
29	Robert M. Jackson	1935-1937
30	Paul A. Dundas	1938-1943
31	George J. Doyle	1944-1945

	Name	Year(s) Served
32	H.C. Marden	1946-1947
33	Russell Squire	1948-1951
34	Richard J. Dubord	1952-1955
35	Clinton Amos Clauson	1956-1957
36	Albert Bernier	1958-1961
37	Cyril Joly, Jr.	1962-1965
38	Malcolm Fortier	1966-1967
39	Donald Marden	1968-1969
40	Richard "Spike" Carey	1970-1978
41	Paul Laverdiere	1978-1982
42	Ann Gilbride Hill	1982-1986
43	Thomas Nale	1986-1987
44	Judy Kany	1988-1989
45	David Bernier	1990-1993
46	Thomas J. Brazier	1994-1995
47	Nelson Megna	1995-1996
48	Ruth Joseph	1996-1998
49	Nelson Madore	1999-2003
50	Paul R. LePage	2004-2011
51	Dana W. Sennett	2011
52	Karen Heck	2012-2014
53	Nicholas Isgro	2015-



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1. **Reuben Foster** — Mayor of Waterville, 1888.
2. **Nathaniel Meader** — Mayor of Waterville, 1889-91. Republican.
3. **Edgar L. Jones** — Mayor of Waterville, 1891-92, 1906. Democrat.
4. **Charles Fletcher Johnson (1859-1930)** — a/k/a **Charles F. Johnson** — Mayor of Waterville, 1893. Born in Winslow, Maine, February 14, 1859. Son of William F. Johnson and Ruth S. (Boulter) Johnson; married, December 21, 1881, to Abbie W. Britton. Democrat. School principal; lawyer; candidate for Governor of Maine, 1892, 1894; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1904, 1916; member of Maine state house of representatives, 1905-07; U.S. Senator from Maine, 1911-17; defeated, 1916; Judge of U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit, 1917-29. Unitarian. *Associations:* Psi Upsilon; Freemasons. Died in St. Petersburg, FL, February 15, 1930. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterville, Maine.
5. **Christian Knauff** — Mayor of Waterville, 1894-95. Republican.
6. **Edmund F. Webb** — Mayor of Waterville, 1896. Republican. Alternate delegate to Republican National Convention from Maine, 1884.
7. **Charles H. Redington** — Mayor of Waterville, 1897; defeated, 1894. Democrat.
8. **Carroll Waite Abbott** — a/k/a **Carroll W. Abbott** — Mayor of Waterville, 1898. Born in Rumford, Maine, August 29, 1855. Son of Henry Abbott, Jr. and Charlotte (Waite) Abbott; married, October 4, 1882, to Georgia A. Wilson. Republican. Physician; Methodist. *Associations:* Freemasons; Knights Templar; Odd Fellows.
9. **Warren C. Philbrook (1857-1933)** — Mayor of Waterville, 1899-1900. Born in Sedgwick, Maine, November 30, 1857. Son of Luther Groves Philbrook and Angelia (Coffin) Philbrook; married 1882 to Ada M. Foster. Republican. Lawyer; member of Maine state house of representatives, 1897-99; Maine state attorney general, 1909-10; justice of Maine state supreme court, 1913-28. Unitarian. *Associations:* Freemasons; Knights of Pythias. Died May 31, 1933.
10. **Martin Blaisdell** — Mayor of Waterville, 1901-02. Republican.
11. **Cyrus W. Davis** — Mayor of Waterville, 1903-04. Secretary of State of Maine, 1911. Democrat.
12. **Horace Purinton** — Mayor of Waterville, 1905. Republican.
13. **Edgar L. Jones** — Mayor of Waterville, 1906, and prior term 1891-92. Democrat.
14. **Luther G. Bunker** — Mayor of Waterville, 1907-08. Republican. Born in Trenton, Maine, March 19, 1868. Son of John E. Bunker and Mary A. (Alley) Bunker; married,



Charles Fletcher Johnson



Warren Philbrook



Cyrus W. Davis



June 22, 1904, to Emily H. Plaisted. Republican. Physician; member of Maine Republican State Committee, 1922-28. *Associations:* Freemasons; Odd Fellows; Elks; Knights of Pythias; Woodmen; Kiwanis. Burial location unknown.

Bunker signed the building contract for the Pine Grove Cemetery Chapel during his tenure as Mayor. Records show that Bunker ran unsuccessfully for the Mayor's office when he tried again in 1924. At that time, he ran against incumbent Leon O. Tebbets, Democrat.

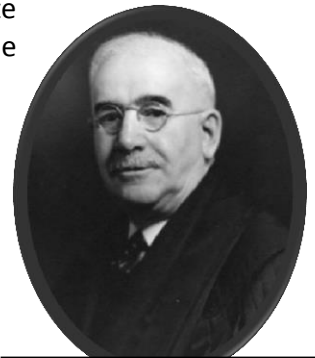


The above photo was found while going through the City Planner's files in 2014. The photo was taken in 1908 and Mayor Luther G. Bunker, can be seen in the center at the railing. The majority of the men in the picture are wearing ribbons; we do know what group or organization they are affiliated with. Mayor Bunker was a member of several organizations so these men could be members of one of the groups. It is also interesting to note the light stanchions shown at the top of each set of stairs, which are not seen in other pictures at City Hall.

15. **Frank Redington** — Mayor of Waterville, 1909. Republican.
16. **Norman K. Fuller** — Mayor of Waterville, 1910. Democrat.



17. **William Robinson Pattangall (1865-1942)** — a/k/a **William R. Pattangall** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1911-13**. Born in Pembroke, Maine, June 29, 1865. Son of Ezra Lincoln Pattangall and Arethusa B. (Longfellow) Pattangall; married, June 6, 1884, to Jean M. Johnson (died 1888); married, September 27, 1892, to Gertrude McKenzie. Lawyer; newspaper editor; member of Maine state house of representatives, 1897, 1901, 1909-11; Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative from Maine, 1904 (4th District), 1913 (3rd District), 1914 (3rd District); member of Maine Democratic State Committee, 1905-07; Maine state attorney general, 1911-12, 1915-16; Maine Democratic state chair, 1916, 1919; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1920, 1924; Democratic candidate for Governor of Maine, 1922, 1924; justice of Maine state supreme court, 1926-30; appointed 1926; chief justice of Maine state supreme court, 1930-35; appointed 1930; resigned 1935; delegate to Republican National Convention from Maine, 1936; president, Depositors Trust Co.. Unitarian. *Associations*: Beta Theta Pi; Phi Beta Kappa; Freemasons; Knights Templar; Knights of Pythias; Elks. Died October 21, 1942.



William Robinson Pattangall

18. **Louis E. Hilliard** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1914**. Democrat.
19. **Martin F. Bartlett** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1915**. Republican.
20. **Frederic E. Boothby** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1916**. Republican.
21. **Ora A. Meader** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1917**. Democrat.
22. **Everett Cleveland Wardwell** — a/k/a **Everett C. Wardwell** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1918-19**. Born in Bucksport, Maine, August 25, 1859. Son of Albion S. Wardwell and Mary G. (Hatch) Wardwell; married, May 25, 1882, to Alta M. Smith. Republican. Dry goods merchant. *Associations*: Freemasons; Knights of Pythias; Rotary.
23. **Ernest Edwin Finnimore** — a/k/a **Ernest E. Finnimore** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1920-21**. Born in Portland, Maine, November 1, 1875. Son of Robert Finnimore and Margaret (Morris) Finnimore. Democrat. Supervisor, blacksmith department, Maine Central Railroad; Episcopalian. *Associations*: Kiwanis; Freemasons.
24. **Leon O. Tebbetts** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1922-24**. Democrat. Candidate for U.S. Representative from Maine 3rd District, 1922, 1924. Mayor Tebbetts had successfully run for the office of Mayor earlier, in 1919. However, in an unprecedented move, he resigned from office just days after the election. *"In a down-to-the-wire race between two popular candidates, Tebbetts defeated the Republican incumbent, Everett C. Wardwell by one vote, 1,084 to 1,083! Surveying the situation, Tebbetts couldn't glory in the outcome. The election results revealed that he was the only member of his political party to win a major race. Republicans had scored triumphs in every one of the contests for the Board of Aldermen. The odds were there would be some torrid battles in the governmental process. The outlook was anything but promising. So, Tebbetts made a historic decision. He relinquished all claim to the office to which he had been elected. The action came after he had been issued a certificate of election."* (Morning Sentinel, 8/17/1994)



Tebbets was later elected Mayor three times from 1922 through 1924 (one-year terms). In 1922, he ran against Chester W. Getchell and won by more than a thousand votes – the biggest majority ever given to a candidate up to that time.

Mayor Tebbets can be seen in the center of this photo (right) for the dedication of the newly paved Main Street on August 23, 1923. William Brown is to Mayor Tebbets left and contractor Fred Cyr is to his right.



25. **Paul Revere Baird** — a/k/a **Paul R. Baird** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1925**. Born in Waitsfield, Vt., November 25, 1889. Son of John L. Baird and Belle (McLaren) Baird; married 1915 to Bertha E. Knowlton. Republican. Veterinarian; served in the U.S. Army during World War I; Congregationalist. *Associations*: Odd Fellows; Freemasons; Kiwanis; Grange.
26. **Herbert Carlyle Libby** — a/k/a **Herbert C. Libby** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1926-27**. Born in Burnham, Maine, December 28, 1878. Son of Isaac C. Libby and Helen M. (Green) Libby; married, December 21, 1912, to Mabel E. Dunn. Republican. Editor; superintendent of schools; Congregationalist. *Associations*: Rotary; Pi Kappa Delta; Zeta Psi. Interment at Waterville Cemetery, Waterville, Maine.
27. **Frederick Harold Dubord** — a/k/a **F. Harold Dubord** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1928-32**. Dubord guided Waterville through the crucial years of the Great Depression. He served five (5) consecutive one-year terms from 1928 to 1933. Born in Waterville, Maine, December 14, 1891. Son of Harry M. Dubord and Mary (Poulin) Dubord; married, May 14, 1917, to Blanche Letourneau. Democrat. Clothing and shoe business; lawyer; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944; member of Democratic National Committee from Maine, 1932-48; candidate for U.S. Senator from Maine, 1934; candidate for Governor of Maine, 1936; candidate for U.S. Representative from Maine 2nd District, 1938; justice of Maine state supreme court, 1956-62; resigned 1962. Catholic. *Associations*: Elks; Knights of Columbus; Lambda Chi Alpha; Phi Delta Phi; American Bar Association.
28. **L. (Lorenzo) Eugene Thayer** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1933-34**. Born in Waterville, Maine, March 8, 1883. Democrat. Son of Frank L. Thayer and Nora (Pulsifer) Thayer; married, January 9, 1907, to Florence Merrill. Thayer, a Waterville native and Colby College graduate, was one of the founders of the Morning Sentinel in 1904 and served as its business manager. He headed the local Federal Relief Administration, helping the needy and unemployed, and was affiliated with several insurance companies. He also was a director of People's National Bank and was a member of several social and civic organizations, including the Waterville Rotary Club, according to a story in the Morning Sentinel's Sept. 4, 1934, edition. His other associations included the Freemasons. He was elected mayor in 1933 and re-elected in the spring of 1934 by the largest majority in the city's history, according to the story. Thayer at various times also served as the city's auditor, tax collector and treasurer, and was a member of the city's Common Council. Thayer is the only City of Waterville Mayor to have died during his tenure. He died on September 3, 1934, at the age of 51, of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been in the hospital nearly two months receiving treatment for Bright's Disease. Mourners packed the Unitarian Church for his



L. Eugene Thayer

funeral on Sept. 5, 1934, with hundreds of people flowing out onto the street. Colby College's dean, Ernest C. Marriner, delivered the eulogy, saying Thayer was a "private citizen in public service" and a "Christian gentleman in politics. He inspired faith and confidence in those with whom he dealt that the city of Waterville would, given time, pull through this depression with a clean slate and would meet all its obligations. In administering the general affairs of the city, he was faithful and efficient."

The City's Annual Report from 1935 mentions the decision to rename the Gilman Street Bridge for Thayer after his death. He was a hard-working mayor who was in office during the Great Depression and was successful in re-establishing the city's damaged credit after banks had closed, the Report said. A bronze plaque was erected on Thayer Memorial Bridge (a/k/a the Gilman Street Bridge) in 1934 in his honor. The plaque was stolen from the bridge sometime on the 1960's or '70's and returned to the City in May of 2015 (See the [Morning Sentinel](#) article of [May 9, 2015](#)) The plaque is expected to be reinstalled on the bridge during a rededication ceremony in September, 2015. Eugene Thayer is interred at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Waterville.



29. **Robert M. Jackson** — [Mayor of Waterville, 1935-37](#). Republican.

30. **Paul A. Dundas** — [Mayor of Waterville, 1938-1943](#). Democrat. Dundas served the greatest number of terms as mayor, serving six (6) one-year terms. Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1940. Paul Alexander Dundas was born on January 11, 1894, in Clinton, Massachusetts. He was the son of John Henry Dundas and Elizabeth Ann Magee. He married Mary C. "Beckie" Clarkin on 24 May 1922. Paul died on April 11, 1977, at the age of 82. [Obituary](#).



Paul A. Dundas, c. 1922 and 1937

31. **George J. Doyle** — [Mayor of Waterville, 1945](#). Democrat. Alternate delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1944.

32. **H.C. Marden** – [Mayor of Waterville, 1946-1947](#). Harold Chesterfield Marden. First mayor to be elected under a two-year term system when the City decided to end one-year terms. He didn't serve the full two-years, however, because of a change in the time of elections. Marden on to serve as a judge in the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

33. **Russell Squire** – [Mayor of Waterville, 1948-1951](#). Republican. Became mayor in 1948 defeating a young Democrat Edmund S. Muskie. This was Muskie's only setback in an illustrious career as governor, U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of State.

34. **Richard J. Dubord** — [Mayor of Waterville, 1952-56](#). Democrat. A native of Waterville, Mayor Dubord was a prominent lawyer who became the City's youngest mayor at the age of 30. Son of former Mayor F. Harold Dubord. Member of the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Conventions of 1956, 1960 and 1965; Attorney General for the State of Maine, 1965-66.

35. **Clinton Amos Clauson** — a/k/a **Clinton A. Clauson** — [Mayor of Waterville, 1956-57](#). Democrat. Born in Mitchell, Iowa, March 28, 1895. Democrat. Served in the U.S. Army during World War I; chiropractor; delegate to Democratic National Convention from Maine, 1956; Governor of Maine, 1959; died in office 1959. *Associations*: American Legion; Freemasons; Odd Fellows; Newcomen Society. Died December 30, 1959. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterville, Maine.

36. **Albert L. Bernier** — [Mayor of Waterville, 1958-1961](#).

37. **Cyril Joly, Jr.** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1962-1965.** Republican. Born at Mount St. Joseph Hospital on May 22, 1925, to Cyril M. Joly and Lorrette La Pointe Joly. He attended local schools and served as president of his senior class at Waterville High School. Graduated from Colby College. Joly enlisted in the Army and served honorably in France with the 66th Panther Infantry Division during World War II and was discharged as staff sergeant. He graduated from Boston University Law School in 1951 and practiced law with his father's firm of Joly and Marden for two years before leaving for Washington, D.C., where he joined the staff of the Republican National Committee. Joly then became special assistant to the Secretary of Health, Welfare and Education under Oveta Culp Hobby. After two years he moved to New York City and became the first Director of public affairs for the National Association of Manufacturers. In 1960, he took a leave of absence to return to Washington to work for the "Nixon For President" campaign. In 1961 he returned to Maine and was elected mayor of Waterville that fall, serving four years. He was also a member of the State Senate in 1973 and 1974. For many years Joly served as president of the Waterville Historical Society, and Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home's advisory board. He was also a longtime Waterville Public Library trustee, member of the Mount Merici Advisory Board and member of the American Legion, Rotary Club, Elks Club and Waterville Industrial Cooperation. Died June 6, 2004 at Mount St. Joseph. Buried at [Saint Francis Catholic Cemetery](#) in Waterville, Plot: Lot: 0037N grave 4.

38. **Malcolm Fortier** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1966-1967.**

39. **Donald H. Marden** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1968-1969.** Son of former mayor H.C. Marden.



Donald Marden

40. **Richard "Spike" Carey** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1970-1978.** Born on January 7, 1929 in Waterville, Maine, the oldest son of Augustus and Alma Carey. Augustus was a paper maker and worked on the electrical switchboard, and later became a carpenter. Alma was a police matron. Augustus served on the Waterville City Council in 1922, was the chairman of the fire department committee and served on the Board of Aldermen in 1937. Richard didn't speak English until he was 12 years old; growing up in the Franco American community in the South End of Waterville. He graduated from [Waterville High School](#) in 1947. He worked at Forster Manufacturing until he enlisted in the Army Air Force serving from 1948 to 1952 as a senior aircraft mechanic. On June 23, 1952, he married Helen Fortin at Notre Dame Church and together they raised six children: four boys and two girls. Richard ran and developed the Maine State Lottery from 1979-1986 and was also Town Manager and Selectman in Belgrade and Waterville. He was Waterville's longest serving Mayor having served eight years, from 1970 to 1978 (four (4) two-year terms). During this time, he also represented the citizens of Waterville in the Maine House of Representatives from 1967 to 1978 and the state Senate from 1990 to 1998. To read an interview transcript with Spike Carey by Bates College Interviewer, Mike Richard, [click here](#). Richard was a life time member of the American Legion as well as an Honorary Life member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 148. Richard died in Belgrade, Maine, on July 19, 2013, at the age of 84. [Obituary](#). Buried at [Saint Francis Catholic Cemetery](#) in Waterville.



Richard "Spike" Carey



41. **Paul Laverdiere** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1978-1982.** Republican.
42. **Ann Gilbride Hill** — **Mayor of Waterville, 1982-1986.** Democrat. Also known as Ann "Nancy" Hill. Ann was the first women to be elected to the mayor's office in Waterville. She served two terms.



43. **Thomas Nale** — Mayor of Waterville, 1986-1987.

44. **Judy C. Kany** — Mayor of Waterville, 1988-1989. Democrat.



Judy Kany

Judy was the second woman to serve as mayor in Waterville's history. B.B.A. in finance and accounting from the University of Michigan. Master's degree in public administration from the University of Maine, Orono. Maine State Representative, 1975-1982. Maine State Senator, 1983-92. Chair, Maine's Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste, 1981-87. Served on two Commissions on Maine's Future. Judy and her husband Bob, long time Director of Summer and Special Programs at Colby College, have three adult children. Following legislative service, she was a member of the Pew Health Professions Commission's Taskforce on Regulating the Health Workforce and Augusta-based Medical Care Development's Project Director for Improving Public Policy for Regulating Maine's Health Professionals, 1993-97, and is currently Community Liaison for Amity at Circle Tree Ranch, Tucson, AZ.



Paul Laverdiere



Thomas Nale

45. **David E. Bernier** — Mayor of Waterville, 1990-1993. Son of prior mayor Albert L. Bernier.

46. **Thomas J. Brazier** — Mayor of Waterville, 1994-1995.

47. **Nelson Megna** — Mayor of Waterville, 1995-1996.

48. **Ruth Joseph** — Mayor of Waterville, 1996-1998.

49. **Nelson Madore** — Mayor of Waterville, 1999-2003. Democrat. College professor, writer.



Nelson Megna



Ruth Joseph



Nelson Madore

50. **Paul R. LePage** — Mayor of Waterville, 2004-2011. Republican. Born October 8, 1948. Native of Lewiston, Maine, one of a family of 18 children of Theresa (née Gagnon) and Gerard LePage, both of French Canadian descent. BS in Business from Husson College and an MBA in Finance and Economics from the University of Maine, Orono. Paul and his wife, Ann, have five children. For over 35 years, LePage taught numerous business, accounting and finance courses in colleges throughout Maine, and conducted many seminars on business topics and computer technology. He published a handbook entitled "Financial Management for Non-Financial Executives." LePage served as a City Councilor in Waterville for two terms before serving as Mayor of Waterville. Elected for two terms as Mayor of Waterville before running for the office of the Governor, State of Maine.



Paul R. LePage

Following his election as Governor of the State of Maine, LePage resigned from his tenure as Mayor for the City of Waterville on January 4, 2011. He was sworn in as Governor the following day, January 5, 2011. During LePage's tenure, the mayoral term was extended from a 2-year term to a 3-year one, by Charter amendment. *Associations:* Kennebec County Budget Committee member; Waterville Rotary member; Paul Harris Fellow; Waterville Elks Club member; Chairman of the Board for the Mid Maine United Way; Mid Maine Homeless Shelter; High Hopes Clubhouse Advisory Board. Additional information about Paul LePage can be found on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_LePage).



51. **Dana W. Sennett** — [Mayor of Waterville, 2011](#). Democrat. Dana served as interim Mayor when Mayor Paul R. LePage took office in January, 2011, as Governor of the State of Maine. Sennett then won a special election in June of 2011 to fill the remainder of that term until the next regularly scheduled election (November, 2011). His term ended on January 1, 2012.



Dana W. Sennett

52. **Karen Heck** — [Mayor of Waterville, 2012-2014](#). Independent. Graduated in 1974 from Colby College with a B.A. in Government; M.S. Human Development from the University of Maine, Orono, in 1979. Elected as the mayor of Waterville in November 2011. Member of the following Boards & Associations: Waterville Main Street, V.P., Maine Women's Fund, Maine Health Access Foundation Community Advisory Committee, Maine Women's Development Institute, Maine Choice Coalition, United Way of Mid Maine, Waterville Rotary, Waterville Area Boys' & Girls' Club, Alford Youth Recreation Center; Board president for the Maine Women's Lobby, Maine Choice Coalition, Family Planning Service Providers, Waterville Rotary; Founding board member of: Waterville Rape Crisis Assistance, Women's Development Institute, SAFE, Inc., and Hardy Girls ♀ Healthy Women. Karen has volunteered thousands of hours in her role as a community activist, who is particularly passionate about improving the lives of women and girls. In 2008, Karen was inducted in the Maine Women's Hall of Fame for dedicating her professional career to bettering the lives of women and girls throughout the State of Maine to advance a broad spectrum of women's issues, including reproductive rights, economic security, literacy, safety, and health. Awarded the Maine State-wide AAUW 2006 Achievement Citation Award, the highest award for extraordinary community involvement in women's issues. In 2002, Karen was awarded the Business and Professional Women's Women of the Year Award.



Karen Heck

53. **Nicholas Isgro** — [Mayor of Waterville, 2015-Present](#). Republican. Born at Seton Hospital in Waterville. Nick is the son of James and Susan (Carey) Isgro. His mother Susan, was raised on Ann Street in Waterville's South End, a culturally rich French community. Her father John Carey was a contractor who built many Waterville area homes and later became the City of Waterville Code Enforcement Officer. Nick's father, Jim, also grew up in Waterville and returned to the area after serving in the military. Jim's family moved to Waterville in 1960 when his father, Salvatore "Sam" Isgro, a former city councilor, relocated here from New York as part of a promotion with Scott Paper Company. Purchasing land from the Ursuline Sisters on upper Western Avenue, Sam built a house that now Nick resides in with his wife, Amanda, and their four children, Anthony, Sofia, Salvatore and Vito. Vito as born the day before his father's big Election Day win in 2014! Isgro attended Temple Academy on West River Road until the fourth grade and then attended Oakland schools, graduating from Messalonskee High School in 2000. Throughout his school years he worked at maintenance jobs, pumping gas and retail sales in our community and continued working through college. After studying history at the University of Maine at Farmington, he began his career in finance with MBNA in Rockland before becoming the Controller at Skowhegan Savings Bank. Mayor Isgro was elected in November 2014 for a 3-year term and inducted into office during a traditional inaugural ceremony on January 6, 2015. Other Affiliations: Treasurer of the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers.



Nick Isgro